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The Hon Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" Certain number of posts are reserved for promotion from the Lower Subordinate Service, and certain number for direct recruitment."

Mr. G. R. Premayya:—" It seems only ten are promoted and no more?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" Yes, as I have already stated, certain number of vacancies are reserved for promotion from the Lower Subordinate Service and certain others for direct recruitment."

Special varieties of seeds for famine zones.

*-570 *Q.*—G. Rameswara Rao: " Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any special seeds for dry and wet crops have been developed so as to withstand the fickle weather of the famine zone;

(*b*) if so, what they are and whether they are available in any depots for sale in Anantapur district; and

(*c*) if they are not available in Anantapur, whether they can be got elsewhere before the next sowings commence?

A.—(*a*) Special seeds for dry crops have been evolved by the Department of Agriculture to withstand the weather conditions of the famine zone. As regards wet crops no weather-proof variety has so far been isolated.

(*b*) & (*c*) (1) *Ragi strain E.C.* 593 may be grown in paddy lands when water is not sufficient for a paddy crop. It is also about ten days shorter in duration than the local ragi and has done well in Hindupur and Kadiri taluks, giving a 20 per cent increase in yield over the local variety of ragi. In adverse seasons the yield is not likely to fall below the normal. Over 30,000 lb. of this seed are in stock in the Central Farm, Coimbatore, and are available for sale.

(2) *K.* 23 is a local selection of korra. Though still in the experimental stage, small quantities of this selected seed will be available for sale from depots in Bellary and Anantapur districts during the ensuing season.

(3) *The Saloum variety of groundnut* is resistant to drought. Seeds may be obtained from the Oil Seeds Specialist, Coimbatore, or the Deputy Director of Agriculture, III Circle, Bellary, during the next season.

Mr. G. Rameswara Rao:—" In the answer it is stated that these special varieties of seeds are available for sale at the Central Farm, Coimbatore. May I know why these seeds are not stocked in the famine zone of Anantapur itself?"

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The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" If there is a demand, they will be stocked in the Anantapur depot also and if my hon. Friend would inform the Deputy Director, he will do so."

Diwan Bahadur M. Gopalaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know, Sir, whether it is not the bounden duty of the Deputy Director to do propaganda work saying that these special seeds, for instance, korra, which will stand the weather conditions of Bellary, are available?"

The Hon. Mr. P. T. Rajan:—" Of course, it is the business of the department to tell people that improved strains are available and ask them to use them."

Fisheries

Re-employment of the Sub-Inspectors of the Fisheries department discharged from service.

*571 *Q.*—Mr. M. S. Sreshta: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many Sub-Inspectors were discharged from the Fisheries department in December 1934, owing to the reorganization scheme;

(*b*) how many of them have been re-employed, and on what pay;

(*c*) in the ordinary course when are those who have not been re-employed likely to be re-employed;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that the Government had passed orders on their first memorial that they would be re-employed in the Match and Sugar department;

(*e*) if so, why they have not been so re-employed;

(*f*) how many outsiders were recruited as Sub-Inspectors to the Excise department since December 1934;

(*g*) why the Government did not make provision in the Excise department for the discharged men and why they did not retransfer the senior Sub-Inspectors who came from the Excise and make place for the discharged men who have had several years of service;

(*h*) if the Service Rules do not permit such a transfer, whether the Government have taken steps to modify the rules;

(*i*) if not, why not;

(*j*) whether the Fisheries Sub-Inspectors are not considered suitable for appointment as Excise Sub-Inspectors;

(*k*) if so, why they are considered unsuitable;

(*l*) whether the Commissioner or any other appointing authority saw them and found them unfit;

(*m*) if so, on what grounds they were found unfit; and

(*n*) whether the Government have taken steps to see that these discharged men are immediately re-employed in some suitable posts?

A.—(*a*) Fourteen permanent and five acting Sub-Inspectors.

(*b*) Of the permanent men 10 have been provided for in temporary posts and 4 in short leave vacancies as and when they occur. The question of fixing their pay is under consideration.